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**PROCEEDING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, STATE OF MONTANA  
February 5, 2008**

**Present:** Commissioners Lythgoe, Notbohm and Weber; Carl Purdy, IT Manager; Jan Anderson, *Boulder Monitor/Jefferson County Courier*; Dave Kirsch

**REPORTS**

Receipt of January Clerk and Recorder fees report from the Clerk and Recorder.

**CALENDAR REVIEW**

- 2/06 Revised Forest Plan briefing - Butte - 10:00  
TSEP training - Bozeman - 10:00
- 2/07 Whitehall area survey results - Extension office - 6:00  
Whitehall Community Development Board - 7:00
- 2/11-2/14 MACo Mid-Winter Conference - Billings

**COMMISSION REPORTS**

**WHITEHALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Commissioner Weber reported that the Whitehall Community Development Board met on the 30<sup>th</sup>. They discussed how they would like the board to look in regards to projects.

**HANDLING EMOTIONS SEMINAR**

Commissioner Weber reported he attended the Handling Emotions Under Pressure seminar in Bozeman on Thursday. It was a good seminar and there is information in the office from the seminar.

**ITEMS FOR COMMISSIONERS ACTION OR REVIEW**

**DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON I.T. POLICY**

Carl Purdy, IT Manager, distributed copies of the proposed policies, one for user responsibility

and one for acceptable computer and e-mail use. Carl discussed changes made to an earlier draft.

Commissioner Weber asked if the draft policies had made the rounds and been available for comments. Carl stated that he has sent it out several times and it is available from any page on the county website.

Commissioner Notbohm gave the example of a Christmas card sent from the Clerk and Recorder's office, and stated that he would hate to see someone canned over something like that. Carl stated that items like that will still be allowed. Limited use is not restricted.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to combine the two policies into one, number the pages and date it, and accept the policy. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

#### DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON FORMATION OF COUNTY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Weber stated that bankers from Whitehall and Boulder were contacted to gauge their interest in serving on this committee. Roy McBride from Whitehall stated that he would gladly sit on the board, but wanted to make sure that it didn't present a conflict of interest in the event that his bank were to bid on any County banking contracts. Commissioner Weber stated that the conflict of interest concern should probably be taken to Matt for an answer before we move forward with this decision. He asked if the other Commissioners had a problem with tabling this decision until they get an answer from Matt. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that we should do this simultaneously – get input from Matt and move forward with the formation of the committee. Commissioner Weber answered that at the meeting to discuss the County's investments, it was decided who would sit on the committee from the county, but he had hoped to have the names of the citizen members when they made the decision to form and seat the committee. Commissioner Notbohm stated that they are basically deciding on the formation at this time, and they can move forward with filling the board in the future.

Commissioner Notbohm moved to pursue the formation of a County Investment Committee, to be made up of the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Clerk and Recorder, Commission Chair and members of the financial community. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

#### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to reappoint Sherryl Rhys to the Health Board. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

This item will remain on the agenda for several weeks.

#### DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON BRIDGES FOR TSEP APPLICATION

Commissioner Weber spoke to Bill Lloyd of Great West Engineering by phone. Bill stated that he talked to Joe regarding the application. They both felt that the best plan was to leave Basin Creek Bridge out of the application this time. Quaintance Lane and Hanson Lane should be submitted at this time. Commissioner Notbohm asked if Cottonwood is one of the worst bridges.

Commissioner Weber stated that it is, but Joe's feelings are that the road leading up to it is in such poor shape, it doesn't get much use. They feel that Quaintance Lane and Hanson Lane will make a good application, and the County crews will be able to take part in some of the replacement.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to use Great West to draft a TSEP application for Quaintance and Hanson Lane. Commissioner Weber seconded. The motion carried.

Dave Kirsch asked if anyone had checked the bridge to Elkhorn. Commissioner Weber stated that they did, and it was rebuilt in 1999. Weight loads are more than sufficient to handle the traffic.

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Kirsch stated that they were doing a project to install a high speed internet up Quinn Canyon, in the hopes that they could beam up to the Elkhorn Mine. They had planned to provide high speed internet to the landowner in return. Before they could finish the installation, they were kicked off of the land, and they still have a lot of equipment up there. They went to District Court to check out the landowner as she seemed to be not quite right. They were able to do the research and find some information. After this, they went to Justice Court to look for those records, and they were told that it would cost them \$20. He feels that as these are public records, they should be available at no charge. They are also somewhat at fault, as they didn't draw up a contract. They just want to get their equipment off of the mountain. He can't understand why they can't get the records. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that he is not sure how that will help them anyway. Dave stated that if they go to court, they would like to have information as to how many other people she has done this too, as they have heard that she has acted this way in the past. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that if this is the case, it would come out in the discovery phase.

Commissioner Notbohm asked for clarification, that they have checked District Court, and now want to check Justice Court. Dave stated that this is correct, and asked why they were so accessible from District Court and inaccessible from Justice Court. Commissioner Lythgoe stated that there are certain things that are public, but there are certain things that aren't. Commissioner Weber stated that they will look into it. He asked how much equipment they have on the mountain. Dave answered that it is in excess of \$3000. Commissioner Notbohm asked if she indicated why she is upset with them. Dave stated that she had told them that she did not want them on the site at any time without her permission. If that site was up and running and for whatever reason ceased to function, they would have to go back up the mountain. They told her that they really had to have the ability to go to the site if they had a maintenance problem. She didn't agree with this. Commissioner Weber stated that they would look into the records issue and get back to him.

Dave stated that he was at a meeting in Great Falls on candidacy and the issue of voting by e-

mail came up. Not one person up there knew anything about it. We must be leading the pack. Commissioner Weber stated that Bonnie has information on that, as she sits on the committees for the state.

Commissioner Lythgoe moved to adjourn. Commissioner Notbohm seconded. The motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**ATTEST:**

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**BONNIE RAMEY  
CLERK AND RECORDER**

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**TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER**

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